

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2006-234-C and 2005-189-C - ORDER NO. 2007-649

OCTOBER 5, 2007

IN RE: Joint Application of Acceris Management and Acquisition, LLC and First Communications, LLC for (i) Approval of the Transfer of Assets, Including Customers, of Acceris Management and Acquisition, LLC to First Communications, LLC and (ii) the Voluntary Surrender of the Authorizations of Acceris Management and Acquisition, LLC.	) ORDER CANCELLING ) ACCERIS ) MANAGEMENT AND ) ACQUISITION, LLC'S ) CERTIFICATE OF ) PUBLIC ) CONVENIENCE AND ) NECESSITY
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of Acceris Management and Acquisition, LLC ("Acceris") to cancel Acceris' Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina. Acceris was granted authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina by Commission Order No. 2005-602, dated October 17, 2005, in Docket No. 2005-189-C.

On December 21, 2006, Acceris and First Communications, LLC ("First") filed a Joint Application with the Commission for approval of the transfer of assets, including customers, of Acceris to First and for the voluntary surrender of Acceris' authorization to provide telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. The Commission previously approved the transfer of Acceris' large business customer enterprise business to First;<sup>1</sup> although at that time, Acceris did not surrender its authorization to provide telecommunications services since Acceris intended to continue

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<sup>1</sup> See Commission Order No. 2006-696, dated December 1, 2006.

to serve customers apart from its business customers. On March 9, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 2007-162, approving the transfer of the remaining assets and customers of Acceris to First and the voluntary surrender of Acceris' certificate to provide telecommunications services. Upon completion of the assets transfer, the Commission approved Acceris' voluntary surrender of authorization upon completion of the assets transfer.


By letter from Acceris' counsel, filed August 24, 2007, and accompanying letter from Acceris' Regulatory and Compliance Manager, Acceris advises that Acceris' Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity can be cancelled since the transaction approved by the Commission in Order No. 2007-162 is complete. According to Acceris, it ceased operations in South Carolina on March 1, 2007, and is not intending to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina.

As Acceris is no longer providing the services for which its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was granted, the Commission finds and concludes that Acceris' Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide interexchange telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina should be cancelled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide interexchange telecommunications services authorized by Order No. 2005-602, dated October 17, 2005, in Docket No. 2005-189-C, of Acceris Management and Acquisition, LLC is hereby cancelled.

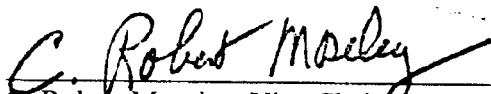
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.



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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



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C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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